



## Esquire – The Big Black Book

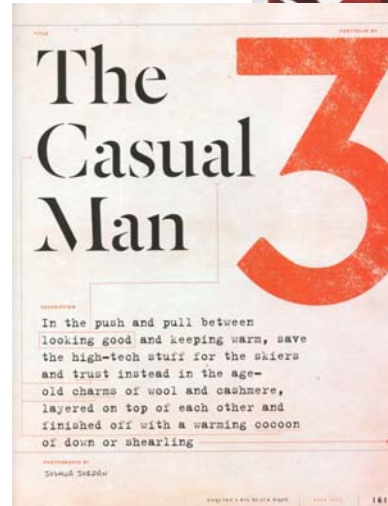
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The Essential Backpack

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THE INFORMATION

# THE ESSENTIAL BACKPACK

The gear you need for a weekend in the woods (other than, you know, clothes)

- ❑ ❶ **OSPREY AETHER 70.** Spacious. Very comfortable. (\$279; [ospreypacks.com](http://ospreypacks.com))
- ❑ ❷ **CAMELBAK ANTIDOTE 3L RESERVOIR.** Bigger and easier than a Nalgene. (\$35; [camelbak.com](http://camelbak.com))
- ❑ ❸ **REI QUARTER DOME T2 PLUS TENT.** Plenty of room for two; three if you're all in love. (\$319; [rei.com](http://rei.com))
- ❑ ❹ **REI IGNEO SLEEPING BAG.** 19-degree rating, 1.9 pounds, and a nearly silent waterproof coating. (\$329; [rei.com](http://rei.com))
- ❑ ❺ **NEOAIR XTHERM MATTRESS.** A reflective layer keeps cold air out and body heat in. (\$190; [cascadedesigns.com](http://cascadedesigns.com))
- ❑ ❻ **PETZL NAO HEADLAMP.** Beam brightens or widens based on where you look. (\$175; [petzl.com](http://petzl.com))
- ❑ ❼ **MSR WHISPERLITE UNIVERSAL STOVE.** 11.5 ounces, boils water in under four minutes. (\$140; [cascadedesigns.com](http://cascadedesigns.com))
- ❑ ❽ **SNOWPEAK HOTLIPS TITANIUM 600 MUG.** Drink while the mug is still hot—without burning yourself. (\$37; [snowpeak.com](http://snowpeak.com))
- ❑ ❾ **EXOTAC NANOSTRIKER XL.** Start a fire anywhere. (\$27; [exotac.com](http://exotac.com))
- ❑ ❿ **KA-BAR HOBO UTENSIL.** Sometimes it's nice not to eat with plastic. (\$27; [kabar.com](http://kabar.com))
- ❑ ⓫ **PACKTOWL ULTRALIGHT.** For yourself and your campsite. (\$17; [cascadedesigns.com](http://cascadedesigns.com))
- ❑ ⓬ **KNOB CREEK RYE.** Best after hiking. (\$40; [1000corks.com](http://1000corks.com))

GLOVES FOR ANY OCCASION

**SHOOTING**  
Extra grip, slight recoil protection. Polyester-and-resin gloves (\$55) by Filson; [filson.com](http://filson.com).

**SKIING**  
Light and warm with a powder cuff. Plus, washable leather! Nylon-and-leather gloves (\$90) by Marmot; [marmot.com](http://marmot.com).

